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Dance

reinforced

Romulus City Council members

Required final adoption of two

voted to accept changes that tighten

up city regulations regarding adult

ordinances at the Romulus City

Council meeting Monday night will

require the two topless clubs in the

city to better track dancers through

registration, and will require stores

and other establishments selling

adult media to ensure patrons are

old enough to buy such materials,

said Public Safety Director Charles

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some issues," he said. "The city

attorney brought the need for a

change in the ordinance to my

attention, and we worked to revise

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police act if there is an incident at

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attorney for a developer of a hotel

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the need for a change

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to revise it.

Charles Kirby

City Attorney Barry Siefman

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"We just wanted to update the

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the clubs.

entertainment and media.

Molly Tippen

Staff Writer

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News in brief

Governor approves jobs grants

Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm and the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth (DLEG) today awarded \$3,075,064 to 16 Michigan Works Agencies to provide employment-related support services to help cash assistance recipients obtain jobs

and become self-sufficient. The funds will be used for employment-related supportive services such as automobile purchases and repairs, clothing allowances, and transportation allowances for Jobs, Education and Training

Program (JET) participants. "Michigan's rapidly transforming economy is driven by our determination to equip all job seekers with the education, skills training, and ancillary support they need to become financially independ-

ent," Granholm said. The JET Program replaces the Work First Program and is a partnership between DLEG Bureau of Workforce Programs and Michigan Rehabilitation Services, the Michigan Department of Human Services, and the agencies to help families overcome barriers to work and connect them with job,

education and training opportunities. Funding for the JET Program is provided by the State of Michigan and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. To view an interactive map of the 25 state Michigan Works regions and the counties included in each region, go to http://www.michi-

ganworks.org or www.michigangov/jet.

State warns residents about Medicare scam The Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program is issuing a warning to Michigan residents with Medicare health coverage that if anyone calls seeking banking account or Medicare

card number information, it's a scam. Medicare beneficiaries from southeastern Michigan have received calls from someone stating they were from Medicare. The caller requested private information stating they would be issuing new Medicare cards. The information requested the beneficiaries Medicare identification num-

ber and their bank account numbers. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is not reissuing Medicare cards and would not ask beneficiaries for their bank account information

Anyone receiving one of

these calls should gather as

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and Medicare number.

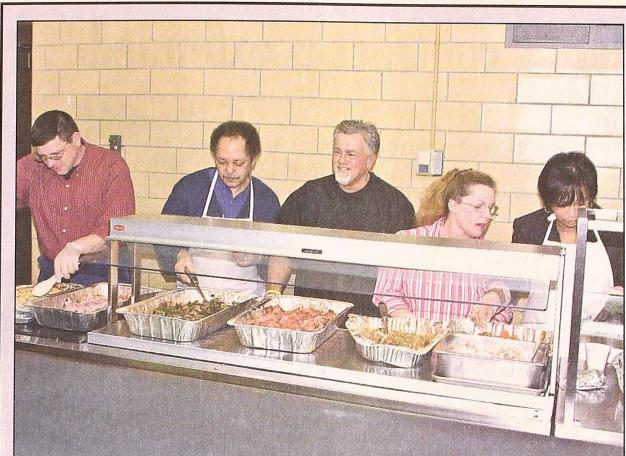
person can be reached (callback number), time of day of the call and contact their municipal police department. Residents are also encouraged to contact the Medicare program toll-free number at 1-800-803-7174 1-800-Medicare (1-800-633-4227) or 1-800-HHS-TIPS (1-800-447-

8477) to report any such telephone calls.

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NEWS YOU CAN USE, NEWS YOU CAN TRUST



Several elected officials lined up to serve soul food to hungry residents last week, including Tom Kuderick, of the Romulus board of education, John Barden, a Romulus city councilman; Mayor Alan R.

Lambert, and Celeste Roscoe and Cheryle Buckley of the Romulus board of education. **Event provides food for soul**

Molly Tippen

Staff Writer

A few good eats never hurt That's what the Rev. Rita Talley, organizer of the Romulus Middle School Soul Food Dinner, counted on when 200

people showed up to enjoy some tasty food and good music, served by elected officials. "The dinner started seven

years ago when I worked at Cory

Elementary, and it's been here

about three years," she said.

"It's a Black History Month and homes - long ago reached event - we really encourage people to come here and learn

Talley, an employee at the

middle school, said eating

more about our culture."

together is one way community members can come together. "This event helps people of all walks of realize that they can be touched," she said. "That's

one of the reasons we do it

tic, rich foods found commonly

in African American restaurants

Soul food - a variety of eclec-

the mainstream, but it's difficult to find an establishment that cooks it the way it was meant to be. Talley said the most popular dishes were sweet potatoes,

fried chicken, and ham. But more importantly, the event promotes togetherness within the community, she said.

"We had so many people come out, and this year, they were served by members of the

city council," she said. "They

See Soul, page 4

The airport plan includes a fifth parallel runway along Eureka Road and either an underground or aboveground

ees around the airport grounds by 2013, along with the addition of new buildings.

last month.

Strategy The airport plan has been the subject of much strife in the city,

monorail system could be added

to transport travelers and employ-

and has been covered extensively

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Officials take opposition on the road

every year."

Staff Writer

Airport Authority to abandon a 27year expansion plan. Tim Keyes, the Romulus economic development director, said he and Mayor Alan Lambert have been speaking to other municipal

shore up support to oppose the

Council members, who last week voted to officially oppose the expansion. "We spoke to the Taylor City

Council and we're going to speakthe Downriver with Conference of Mayors and the Western Wayne County Conference of Mayors," he added. "So far, we're getting support. We understand that the airport is an economic engine, we just need them to come to the table and

about this, and I do think the projcompression-ignition diesel withect will be approved at the next out any engine modification. Feedstock and other materials are generally brought in by rail, which made the Romulus site attractive because of the proximity to the railroad tracks, officials said

> with longtime Romulus business RKA Petroleum, first approached the city in April to hammer out a deal for the facility. According to estimates, the facility will cost about \$14 million to construct. If it comes to fruition, the biodiesel facility proposed in

Romulus would refine 10-11 mil-

Alternegy, which has partnered

See Alternegy, page 4

Public Safety Director notified us he was going to have vending machines that sold (Xrated) DVDs and other materials,

and we didn't even address that in the ordinances. "The attorney was nice enough to call us to ask how we handled this, and we didn't have anything about it in the ordinances," he

added.

Sharpening the verbiage of the registration ordinance was also necessary. "It's been a useful tool for us," he said. "When something has occurred in the past, often we would only have names the dancers

real names, so it's helped us out." The ordinances will affect the topless clubs in the city and a host of other retailers, video rental businesses, hotels, and other businesses that may sell adult materials, Kirby said.

The ordinances will continue to

require dancers at the clubs to pay

a fee for fingerprinting and a back-

ground check at the Romulus

use at the clubs, instead of their

Police Department, which help vet dancers who may be under-aged, or who had been convicted of a crime in the recent past. Retailers will also be expressly prohibited from selling X-rated materials to minors, and will be

required to keep those materials out of the immediate reach of

See Dance, page 4

great feedback from the commu-Molly Tippen nities," he told the Romulus City

Other cities appear to be supportive of the Romulus strategy to encourage the Wayne County

mayors and city managers to

airport plan.

Council members to delay approv-

ed from fat trucked into the refin-

ery, will be disposed of safely and

does not constitute grounds for

denying the application of

Alternegy to move onto a small par-

cel of land in the city, said

apparently there is a by-product

that is created when this stuff is

refined, and some of the council

members had questions about how

it's going to be disposed of. I think

we were able to get an answer

"I'm not an expert at this, but

Councilman William Wadsworth.

The by-product, which is creat-

ing a proposed refinery.

"I think we're getting really

Molly Tippen

Staff Writer

Biodiesel refinery decision is delayed

council meeting," he said.

speak to us."

Concerns about a by-product Tim Keyes, the economic develcreated during the formulation of opment director, also believes the biodiesel fuel caused Romulus City project is a go. "(Alternegy) has all of their paperwork in order and support from the state and county," he said.

> ward." Biodiesel is a clean burning alternative fuel, produced from a variety of fats and oil. It is a renewable fuel that is often touted as one of the solutions to weaning U.S. consumers from foreign oil

"blend" that can be used in typical

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"Once these few questions are

resolved, I think it will move for-

lion gallons of biodiesel per year, dependence. Though biodiesel contains no according to sources familiar with the project. petroleum, it can be blended at any level with petroleum to create a

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School board OK's new budget

Andrea King Staff Writer

An amendment to the 2007-2008 Van Buren Public Schools budget was approved recently by a unanimous vote of members of the board of education.

Paul Henning, spokesperson for the district, said essentially the district will have to 'dip-into' the fund balance by about \$1 million, to cover

"We've done well enough where we don't have to borrow money from the state," he said.

According to Nick Armelagos, director of finance and operations for the school district, the major revenue changes were in the state aid formula, tax revenue adjustments, increase in funding and bus sale proceeds. In total, the district is left with a \$2.7 million ending general

Armelagos said the future holds changes to employee health insurance benefits to cut costs, anticipated retirement decreases and a general fund balance approaching zero within two to three years, unless there's a change in the state funding.

'Uncertainly of the fiscal year 2009 state fund allowance increase is also expected," he said. "The poor local and state economic conditions and the effect on student count, too. There's also the upcoming bond and sinking fund election in August to address the building and infrastruc-

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Andrea King Staff Writer

Van Buren Public School District Superintendent of Schools Pete Lazaroff's contract has been extended until 2010.

School board members approved the extension recently by a 6-1 vote. Trustee Toni Hunt voted against the extension. His current contract was set to expire this year, but was extended through June 30, 2010.

Overall, school board members said they appreciate Lazaroff's proactive and creative ideas and programs, such as the high school restructuring, implementation of professional learning communities at all grade levels and the Chinese immersion program.

They also expressed appreciation for the way he handled the gang-related disciplinary hearings and, the Parent, Teacher, Student, Organization's (PTSO) gang forum.

"We see progress at the middle school level beyond curriculum review and adoption in grappling with the instructional concepts needed to produce student skills," said Dave Peer, president of the school board. "We recognize and applaud the ongoing district culture that have helped us to deal with rising utility costs through reduced usage.

Dave Peer

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changes in the district culture that have helped us to deal with rising utility costs through reduced usage.

"We endorse and appreciate the way the superintendent and his team dealt with the major community objections to the last facility bond proposal in developing two new proposals for the August 2008 election: dividing high school and non-high school issues for separate votes and finding a creative way to rebuild most of Belleville High School on its current site," he added. "The second proposal, to slightly reduce the sinking fund millage for the remainder of its original term, while asking for voter permission to use its proceeds to address additional K-8 facility needs, is a modest yet forward thinking on that we believe the community will embrace."

Board members did have concerns, however, with potential violence at Belleville High School, staff morale, program restructuring, elementary redistricting, secretarial staffing and overall communication.

"Some staff members express fear of retaliation for registering concerns, something we consider to be more a problem of perception than a fact," said Peer. "We believe it's important to district morale and cohesiveness that everyone in the district consider themselves collaborators in our common enterprise. While we have little tolerance for the destructive rumor-mongering that seems to have become epidemic of late with professionals, concerns and input are always welcome."



Pete Lazaroff



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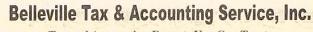
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Springtime in Paris

Paris, Madrid, Salzburg and Lucerne. The Belleville High School foreign language classes have started the process of planning their bi-annual trips for spring break 2009. French, Spanish and German students will enjoy 10 days immersed in the culture, history and cuisine of Europe and learn through exploration and participation. The students will be chaperoned by Belleville teachers and a bi-lingual tour director will accompany the ambassadors to coordinate daily activities. Students accepted to travel will attend monthly meetings to focus on team building, language skills and cultural infor-



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Third time's a charm

Cancer society seeks volunteers for third 20-year study

Scott Spielman Editor

"This is our opportunity to be a part of history," said Marion Rozum, a Canton resident heavily involved in the Relay for Life event in the township.

Rozum is the chair of the Great Lakes Division of the third Cancer Prevention Study (CPS-3), conducted by the American Cancer Society (ACS) Department of Epidemiology & Surveillance Research. The ACS is starting a new study—the third in its history—and has selected the Canton Township Relay for Life event as one of four places to register in the State of Michigan.

"We selected Canton because of their overwhelming commitment to the Relay for Life and cancer research," said Jamie Chapman, an associate director at the ACS. The event has been taking place for 10 years in Canton. Each year, it generates about \$200,000.

The ACS hosted a kick-off event at the Emagine Theater in Canton last week for the May-17-18 event, and information regarding the study was a part of it.

The AMC is seeking 500,000 people nationwide to take part in the study. Those interested must have never been diagnosed with cancer and must be willing to make a 20-year commitment. Rozum said the study is important to get to the cause of the disease and come up with different forms of treatment.

"Everyone knows that cigarette smoking causes lung cancer," she said. "Few realize that it took three We selected Canton because of their overwhelming commitment

to the Relay for Life and cancer research.

years, 22,000 volunteers and 188,000 study participants to prove it.

"The people who have taken part before are growing old," she added. "We're looking for a new group to study. Our environment has changed, our lifestyles have changed—(the ACS) will be looking for new information."

Registration will take place from noon to 4 p.m. on May 17. There will be a dedicated tent near the entrance of Heritage Parkwhere the Relay takes place—to allow for easy access, Rozum said. Participants can expect to take a short survey on site and answer a longer survey that will be mailed to them later. Professionals will be on hand to draw a small blood sample, too. After that, study participants will be asked to fill out a survey every two years for the 20-year study period.

"It takes a strong commitment," she said.

The study will look at things like DNA and genetics and compare it with others who have had the disease. It'll also look at the environment

"One blood sample could be the whole eye-opening experience to tell us what we're dealing with," Rozum said.

Those who want more information on the study can visit the web site, www.cancer.org/cps3. Rozum can also be reached through email at mrozumcps3@hotmail.com.

"There isn't one person out there that you can talk to that hasn't had someone they know affected by cancer," Rozum said. "How can you not want to get involved in this?

"It would be a wonderful world if our children did not have to worry about cancer," she added.

Bill would simplify registering to vote

Scott Spielman Editor

If a plan approved by the Michigan House of Representatives last week comes to fruition, it will soon be easier for young people to vote.

State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) said he voted for a bipartisan plan that will allow citizens to register to vote and apply for an absentee ballot at any clerk's office in the state.

"We must make sure that all voters have the opportunity to have their voices heard and this plan will make that happen," said

Corriveau, who is the chair of the House Committee on Ethics and Elections.

"Voting is a right that no citizen should be denied," he added. "The more people we can get involved in the political process, the more our state stands to benefit."

Currently, citizens have to register in the municipality where they live. The plan approved last week will allow Michigan citizens to register to vote at any clerk's office in the state, regardless of where they vote on Election Day and what address is on their driver's license. It increases access to voting for citizens like college students who live

on campus but often are registered to vote where their families live.

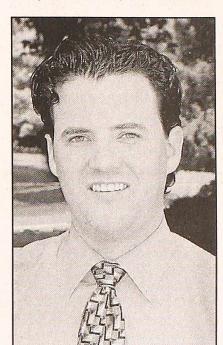
The plan also makes it easier for first-time voters to get an absentee ballot. Currently, a first-time voter must request an absentee ballot by proving their identity in person at their clerk's office. The new legislation allows voters to prove their identity at any clerk's office in the state to obtain an absentee ballot from their home district.

Corriveau said it was important because college students tend to be more politically active, given the chance.

"Too many college students miss

out on the chance to vote because of all the hoops they have to jump through to get registered or to get an absentee ballot," Corriveau said. "Under this plan, a student from Northville who goes to school in Marquette won't have to drive all the way back home to register he or she can just register in Marquette. This plan also makes it easier for college students to get an absentee ballot from home and make sure their voices are heard. I'm pleased that lawmakers from both sides of the aisle came together on this important issue."

The legislation now heads to the Michigan Senate.



State Rep. Marc Corriveau

Van Buren Public Schools

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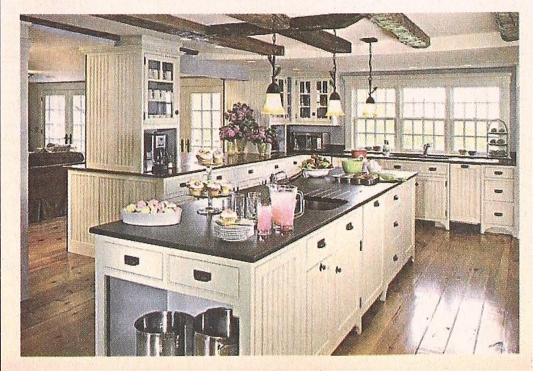
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'Cat' provides advice on dental care

Molly Tippen Staff Writer

Cats aren't typically known for having a gleaming smile, but at the YWCA of Western Wayne County, a special guest was all smiles.

The Cat in the Hat, the beloved children's character created by Dr. Seuss, stopped by the YWCA Headstart classes last week to read "The Tooth Book," which is a funny take on dental health written by Seuss.

Karen Murphy, the CEO of the YWCA, said the book reading made two important points: Reading is important, and so is dental health.

"The YWCA strives to promote family literacy and excitement for reading through events like this," she said. "We plan fun events like this to get the children engaged in the lesson and make it fun to learn about."

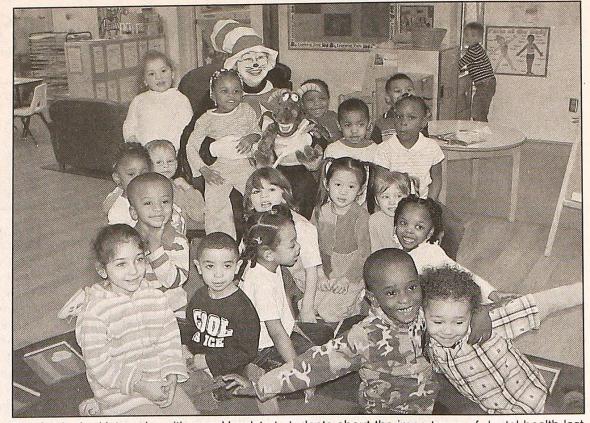
The Tooth Book, which was first published by Dr. Seuss in 1989, is a artfully written poem that explains to children who has teeth, why people and other living creatures have teeth, and what teeth are used for. The hilarious ode to teeth also teaches students all about what teeth do and how to take care of them.

The book was one of several written by Seuss meant for children pre-school-aged and younger.

The month of March is Reading and Dental Month. The Cat in the Hat's visit served to promote both issues, as a special tooth brushing demonstration was also included in the visit.

During the visit, children each received their own toothbrush as a reminder for proper dental health.

The Cat in the Hat's visit was one of several



The Cat in the Hat spoke with area Headstart students about the importance of dental health last week.

the YWCA hosts that provide opportunities for both children and families to learn valuable information regarding their health and wellness.

The visit was planned to promote family literacy and dental health this month at the YWCA. Children and families will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of fun events through-

out the month that celebrate literacy and dental health.

Based in Inkster, the YWCA offers several programs for young people from its Michigan Avenue headquarters.

For more information on YWCA educational programming, call (313) 561-4110.

Soul

FROM PAGE 1

serve us every day. But this time, they got a chance to service is a different way.

"People know who their officials are; they see them and watch them on TV and read about them, but most people don't have an opportunity to get close to them as people," she said.

Intended as a fundraiser in addition to celebrating black history, the soul food event also raises funds for the activities fund at the school, according to Phyllis Atkins, principal of Romulus Middle School.

"This is the first year we made any money; the event normally pays for itself," she said. "But we did raise \$284 for the activities fund, which pays for many things we do at school. "We want to price the food so families can come out and have a good meal, and enjoy the entertainment."

Budgets are tight, and school officials must come up with ways to raise money for extras. Still, Atkins said the school doesn't want to impose too much on students.

"We don't send children out to sell candy or that sort of thing," she said. "But we do have field trips and events for students that have behaved well, or have performed exceptionally academically," she said. "The activities fund pays for those events."

Other events funded by the activities fund include field trips, sporting activities, and cultural programs.

This year, several groups were brought in to entertain diners. A mime group performed, along with a jazz band, Atkins said.

Airport

Dance

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Those who do not comply with

The ordinances are identified as

Chapter 3, Art. V, Adult Media

Materials, and Chapter 3, Article IV,

Entertainers and Dancers, in the

obtained at the city clerk's office,

Copies of the ordinances can be

where adults can browse.

city code of ordinances.

inside Romulus City Hall.

the ordinances can be fined.

FROM PAGE 1

in the media.

So far, the city has received support from the city of Taylor.

Though the airport plan is contingent on an escalation of passenger traffic, city officials chose to oppose it now. They said they will meet with other elected representatives during the next several weeks to explain their opposition to the plan.

Councilwoman Ellen Craig-Bragg said she's pleased with the plan the economic development department has devised.

"I want to thank Mr. Keyes and Miss (Cynthia) Lyon for their hard work on this," she said.

Plan would reduce city size

The multi-phase airport master plan was devised with the assistance of contractors and planners from the Wayne County Airport Authority almost two years ago.

According to the current plan, as the airport expands, the 350unit Sky Harbor Apartments would have to be demolished, along with 30 improved industrial buildings, 18 improved commercial buildings, the Halecreek fire station, the Oakbrook subdivision, Merriman Elementary School, and possibly Halecreek School.

About 800 residences would be demolished, and the city could stand to lose almost \$1 million in assessed revenue, according to the city.

The city would also be about 7 percent smaller, and could lose about 3,500 residents.

Though the plan is only on paper and will only be implemented if passenger traffic increases, residents were concerned about their housing values in light of publicity about the plan.

The master plan would take until 2027 to complete, if passenger traffic increases justify the improvements, said Michael Conway, the spokesman for the airport authority.

Publicity surrounding the plan irked residents and officials. Two council members not present for the Feb. 25 council meeting, John Barden and William Crova, said they also opposed the airport plan Monday night.

Calendar of events

Egg hunt under way

Children are invited to find all of the eggs hidden by the wily rabbits of the Romulus Recreation Department during the annual Easter Egg hunt.

The hunt – which will take place a say before Easter Sunday on Saturday, March 22 – will kick off at noon on the grounds of the Romulus Senior Center at 36525 Bibbins St.

Hunters will be able to pick up a bag for the hunt on the patio behind the senior center. Prior to the hunt, a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Community United Methodist Church's Men's club will take place from 8-11:30 a.m. at the church.

The Easter Bunny will also officially arrive during the event, and will pose for pictures with children for \$2.

Children will compete in four age groups, including 3 years old and under, 4-5, 6-7, and 8-10 years old.

Pre-registration is not required, and participation is free.

Community United Methodist Church is located at 11160 Olive Street.

For more information, call the Romulus Department of Recreation at (734) 941-8665.

Softball leagues forming

Men's Sunday Softball "D" leagues are organizing for the 2008 summer season.

Up to eight teams are needed to make comprise the league, and games will take place at Elmer Johnson Park, which is located at 9755 Ozga Road.

Players need not be a resident to join a team.

Game will take place from noon until 8:45 p.m. on various days.

Registration fees are \$500 per team, or \$50 told hold an individual spot. Those fees include umpire fees, the 18-game schedule, and playoff and tournament awards given at the end of the season.

A manager's meeting will take place at 5 p.m. on May 12 at the recreation department.

The softball league is sponsored by Romulus Parks and Recreation. For more information, call (734) 941-8665.

Story time is back

The Romulus Public Library will once again host Winter Story Time.

Story time is designed for pre-schoolers from the ages of 3-5. Crafts are included in the program.

Sessions are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through March 25 and at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays until March 25.

There is no charge for families to attend. The Romulus Public Library is located at 11121 Wayne Road.

For more information, call the library at (734) 942-7589.

Grief support available

The Hospice of Michigan will host two series of grief support meetings for anyone in the community coping with the loss of a loved one.

A series of meetings will take place at 9 a.m. Sundays through March 16 at the Romulus Wesleyan Church.

Another series of meetings will be take place at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Romulus Public Library, starting through March 20.

Romulus Wesleyan Church is located at 37300 Goddard. The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road.

For more information about the seminars, call the Hospice of Michigan at (734) 769-4212 or visit www.hom.org.

Clarification

In the photograph entitled "Sworn in" (Romulus Roman, Feb. 28) the individuals were mis-identified. Their names are Rita Nippes, and Darryl Nippes. The Roman regrets the error.

Last laps

As the finishing touches are being completed at the Romulus Athletic Center for a April 1 opening, workers poured several hundreds of gallons of water into the pools this week. The pools – there are three at the center – were the last piece of the building construction. Back ordered pool tiles had delayed the opening of the facility.

Alternegy

FROM PAGE 1

RKA is also considering building a new headquarters in the city.

Initially, some council members were concerned about the small parcel at Middlebelt and Wick roads where the facility would be located. The concerns were primarily the amount of materials and the number of trucks that would come through the heavily-traveled intersection, which is one of the busiest in the city.

Council members also approved a 10-year tax abatement for the project. Alternegy had requested a 12-year tax abatement, and a three-year phase after that, in which taxes would have been paid in 25 percent increments until the full amount is assessed.

Alternegy representatives have also applied for Renaissance Zone status with Wayne County, which will ensure another set of financial breaks for the firm.

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They're going to bring 30 jobs with them, and we could use t hem at this point.

William Wadsworth

The push to create and use alternative fuel sources is touted by everyone from car manufacturers to President George W. Bush. Wadsworth said everyone on council thinks its important, even if some council members continue to ask questions.

"There's not anyone up there who doesn't think biodiesel is important," he said. "In the long run it's going to be a good project for us."

The development will also bring jobs to the city.

"They're going to bring 30 jobs with them, and we could use them at this point," Wadsworth said. "We still have quite a few residents that are looking for work."

Briefs

FROM PAGE 1

Wayne County to accept "hazardous waste"

Wayne County residents who want to dispose of hazardous waste will have an opportunity on March 15.

From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. next Saturday, county residents can safely dispose of household paints, stains, dyes, floor wax, nail polish, glues, fertilizers, pesticides, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, car and boat batteries, fluorescent bulbs, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, mercury, computer

equipment, cell phones, fax machines, copiers and televisions and other household generated products at the Downriver Community Conference, 15100 Northline Road in Southgate.

For more information, call Wayne County Department of Environment (734) 326-3936. Residents should be prepared to show identification

Romulus, MI 48174 1 (734) 942-7589

UPINION

A great 'REC'ommendation for the City of Wayne

Wayne City Council members met in a study session Tuesday night to talk about the proposed renovation at the Recreation and Exercise Club (REC) at the Wayne Community Center.

A renovation of up to \$1.8 million is proposed there that would make the facility more user-friendly, handicapped accessible and competitive with surrounding facilities. Part of the discussion included how the city would fund the project-through a municipal bond sale-and how it would impact the bottom line going forward.

The outcome of the meeting wasn't known in time for the deadline for these pages—it may not be decided until the budget season gets under way next month—but we hope the council met it favorably.

This is something that needs to be done.

Let's put aside, for a moment, the point Councilman Mathew Mulholland made at the last city council meeting, when he said he thought it ironic that the city would be willing to spend a large sum on a 30-year-old building, yet balk

The outcome of the meeting wasn't known in time for the deadline for these pages—it may not be decided until the budget season gets under way next month—but we hope the council met it favorably.

and spending \$100,000 to save the Historic Wayne Theater in the heart of the downtown.

The reason the city council should sign off on this proposal is because it is important to invest in facilities taxpayers have already paid for. The City of Wayne has always been on the forefront of providing recreational opportunities for residents. Its park system can't be beat. The community center

itself is one that is better than those in surrounding communities—and it can be better.

Taking out the racquetball courts and transforming them into a large, fully accessible area that would accommodate more users only makes sense. It will make it more attractive to residents and non-residents alike and provide for better use of other areas of the building, too.

Yes, it will take about \$140,000 from the general fund every year to repay the bonds. Some of those costs, though, will be made up through additional revenue—and some of that will come from insurance companies, since HAP will reimburse senior citizens for their memberships.

Quite frankly, we're tired of hearing the old municipal line of shrinking revenues and the desire to merely provide basic

We know times are tough. That's why the city should invest in itself. Make a statement: you can get your streets plowed and your fires put out anywhere. To have an inside track on the cutting edge of fitness trends, move to Wayne.

District leader worth the price

At first glance, an \$180,000 salary for a school superintendent seems like a tough pill to swallow.

That's what the Plymouth-Canton Community School District may pay the next superintendent. Jim Ryan, who retired last month, made about \$20,000 less than that.

The additional expense might seem out of place in a district that—like many others state-wide has looked for cost saving measures wherever possible. The sad fact is that they may not have a choice. That kind of money isn't much in the qualified school superintendent field, anymore.

Part of that is because the job itself is difficult to quantify. There is no easy private sector comparison. Consider that the superintend-

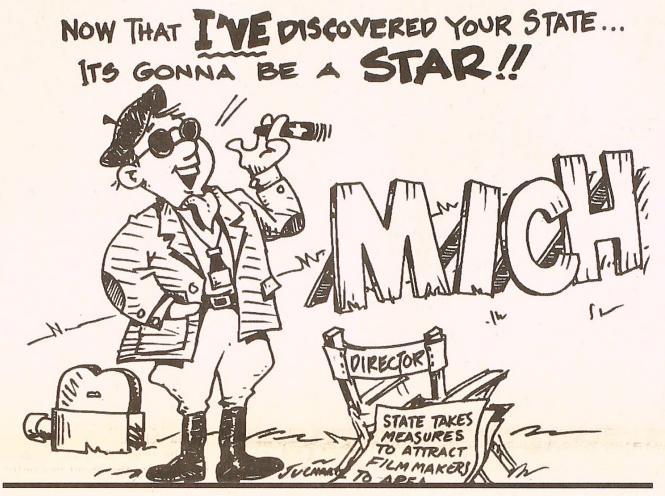
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ent oversee hundreds of employees, thousands of students and has an expanded customer base that essentially includes more than 100,000 people.

That's pressure. That's responsi-

It may seem like a lot of money-and it is-but school board members shouldn't balk at it, unless they feel like they can get a better candidate for the same money. We like to think that is, in fact, the case, but if so, those candidates weren't exactly tripping over themselves to take the job.

That's not to say the board would best serve the community by throwing money at any candidate, no matter how qualified he or she may be. It's just a reflection of the market, and that market has apparently changed during the past few years.



'suspension' of disbelief

Count me in with the scores of drivers throughout Wayne County who will soon be looking for a good do, other than pay attention to the

There's nothing terribly wrong with the engine or transmission on my aging Ford Focus wagon, but the struts are shot. Or they will be, anyway. I realized this as I was maneuvering out of a rain-filled pothole so large yesterday that it brought up a huge cloud of steam from my undercarriage—in more ways than one.

This is a fun time of year, isn't it?

Our weather this year hasn't helped our road system much. The strange jumps and dips in temperatures are hard on the infrastructure. When it jumps from 20 degrees above freezing to a few degrees below in the span of a day or so, water mains tend to pop like old balloons and the constant salting and plowing of roads have left most thoroughfares looking like a close up of the surface of Mars.

There's not a whole lot you can road, grip the wheel in that time honored 10 and two position, and

hope you have enough caffeine in your system to react quickly to those threats to your tires, rims and suspen-

Road crews have been out trying to 'repair' these fox holes, but they're fighting a losing battle. They no sooner get one filled up—scattering asphalt that is kicked up to chip windshields—than another storm comes through and negates all their progress.

I can only imagine what the construction season will look like this year. There are plenty of projects in the works throughout western Wayne County—and I'll have to drive through most of them. A lot of work will

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Just list us among the 'disinvited'

The little I saw of the Inkster Inaugural Ball Saturday night looked like the decorations were

That's before I was told by the events organizer, and men in black suits with a bungy-cord like earpieces working for Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, that no media would be allowed at the event.

True, I didn't buy a \$40 ticket to attend this event, but as reporters, we typically stay to take some pictures and provide some coverage, then leave. Events usually happen on after work hours Friday and Saturday, which are times and

days we try not to work. I don't know that every single media entity was banned. But I do know that the city sent out a press release implying that they sought our presence.

I also know that on Monday, we had to put the kibosh on a planned story, photos and a multi-media presentation (similar to the 40photo slideshow we created for the city hall opening). We don't stay long.

Of course it's not about reporters.

On Saturday, the Inkster City Council sponsored an event that was supposed to welcome in the new council, but many residents the ones that couldn't afford the ticket – won't see much evidence of it, and won't have a chance to hear what was said.

None of the press materials said the media wasn't invited, and of course, the release didn't say that Kilpatrick would be speaking. I'm pretty sure that the fact that the beleaguered Detroit mayor was speaking had something to do with the fact that reporters were turned away at the door.

I had been told, off the record, that Kilpatrick might be there, and

Sad but I saw the level of security,

which I haven't seen since - you guessed it - I attended an event in Detroit where Mayor Dennis Archer was speaking.

The fact that Kilpatrick was invited to Inkster to speak is a bit perplexing in and of itself.

Detroit is roughly 16 miles from Inkster, and there are only a handful of dealings in Inkster that pair it with Detroit. Mayor Hilliard Hampton, the force behind this event, supported Fremen Hendrix during the last Detroit mayoral election.

Yes, Detroit is the Wayne County seat, but wouldn't you think what's happening in the immediate neighbors - mainly Westland, Dearborn Heights, Romulus, Wayne, Garden City even Livonia and Canton Township - would be more interesting and pertinent to Inkster res-

Yes, Detroit suffers from some of the ills Inkster with which Inkster is still struggling, but the city needs to seek more ties within western Wayne County.

If the city is truly trying to bring positive attention to itself, that goal might be better served by staying closer to home.

Town hall meeting deserves support

The Citizens For Northville (CFN) are hosting a town hall meeting tonight to discuss the future of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital site in Northville

We hope they have a lot of people in attendance and that there are good questions asked and answered.

It's important for township residents—and city residents and business owners, too—to show a united front on this issue. For too long, the dispute has been portrayed as a feud between stubborn and shortsighted township officials and greedy developers.

We don't think that's entirely the

Both sides want to do the best for their respective

sides going forward.

case. Both sides want a development to happen. Both sides want to do the best for their respective sides going forward. They just disagree over the middle ground right

The development of this 414acre property will, in one way or another, impact everyone in the Northville community and possibly those in Plymouth, too. It's only right that residents should voice their concerns—as they have throughout the long planning process—about the negative effect it could have on their quality of life. It's also only right that township officials listen to the concerns of the residents and try to plan smartly for the future—which is what they did when they developed the concept plan for the parcel more than two years ago, before it was even up for sale.

But this is not a time to rehash the past or respond to rumor and innuendo. It's a time for the community to come together and hopefully have a more positive impact than the lawyers that are probably still negotiating on the issue right now.

It will be take place at 7 p.m. at the Highland Lakes Club House, which is at 20301 Silver Springs Dr., between Seven Mile and Eight Mile

This issue has gone on for a long time now. There is an approved plan—although it came with quite a few conditions—in place. There's still plenty of time for residents to make a difference here, though. The developer is talking about putting up 1,100 new homes into one of the worst housing markets in Michigan history. They want to develop 40 acres of retail space at a time when restaurants and chains are folding. It's hard to understand their urgency. We think there's still plenty of time to get together, work together and do things right.





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'Chicks' to help provide senior holiday meals

Scott Spielman Editor

The Easter holiday is coming a little too quickly for the comfort of staff members at The Senior Alliance (TSA) in Wayne.

The holiday is just about two weeks away, which means earlier deadlines for the registration of the Holiday Meals Program—and the donations that support it.

"It's made me a little unnerved," said Lori Tooles-Carrington, a program specialist for TSA. "People are thinking not March, but April."

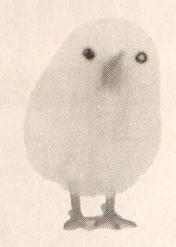
The Senior Alliance serves

older adults and adults with disabilities in the 34 communities of western and southern Wayne County. Their mission is to help older adults remain as independent as possible within their home and their community.

One of those services is to provide home delivered meals, she said, but the Holiday Meal Program is separate and requires advance registration. Tooles-Carrington said those interested need to register by March 10.

"We certainly don't want to leave anyone out," she said.

The Holiday Meal Program is



also funded entirely through donations. When preparation time and

the cost of the food is factored in, it costs about \$5 per dinner, according to Tooles-Carrington. To pay for the meals, TSA sells 'Pete the Peep,' a fuzzy little chick that represents a donation to the program.

One of the largest fundraising days will be on March 14—Bank Day-when volunteers will set up stations at area banks to solicit donations to the program. The meals may cost \$5, but Tooles-Carrington said donations can come in any amount.

"We'll take whatever we can get, especially in this economy," she

The Senior Alliance needs volunteers for Bank Day, too. Anyone interested should expect to spend about three hours helping out.

Tooles-Carrington said the donations-and volunteers-are needed to keep the project going.

"I've already seen an influx of new request forms," she said. "In these times, we're down in donations like everyone else. We're down in donations but we have more people to help."

To register for the Holiday Meals Program or to volunteer on Bank Day, call TSA at (734) 727-

Grants will help high school students earn college credit

Andrea King Staff Writer

The Skillman Foundation will once again help the Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) fund the middle college program.

In an effort to further its mission to provide accessible and affordable educational opportunities, the middle college program will provide course work for 11th and 12th grade students. The foundation gives away about \$27 million each year, according to officials.

"What WCCCD is able to do because of the Skillman Foundation is to open the eyes and minds of students who may not have necessarily considered college as an option," said John

Bolden, executive vice chancellor of the

Students will earn college credit while still in high school. The program allows students to enroll in classes in a variety of academic areas with an option of transferring to four-year institutions or obtain employment in a specialized area. This collaboration allows for the introduction of a college environment for high school students at a critical time, officials said.

"WCCCD works closely with the Detroit Public schools and its administrators to ensure the swift, timely and thorough delivery of various educational models that can only enrich students," said Bolden. "We assess exactly what is needed and provide those tools because the students are quickly becoming

our students."

Dr. George Swan, vice chancellor of curriculum and planning at the college, said the hope is to create a model to replicate for other areas within the WCCCD as time moves on.

"The focus will be in six areas and once this is determined a success, we can offer it in other areas within our district," he said. "The hope is to transform the lives of young people."

"Working with the Skillman Foundation is a collaboration that we're very proud of," said Dr. Curtis Ivery, chancellor of the college. "To have the opportunity to reach these young

people is of paramount importance to their future and society as whole. This offers students a vessel by which they can explore educational opportunities that will help them develop as well rounded people and ultimately give back to society through various endeav-

Since 1960, the Skillman Foundation has aimed to help develop schools, neighborhoods and opportunities for children, according to the organization. For more information about the foundation call (313) 393-1183 or (313) 496-2678 for more information about the middle college program.

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Potholes

FROM PAGE 5

go on in Canton Township, particularly on Canton Center Road and Sheldon Road between Palmer and Cherry Hill. This could be one of the worst roads in Wayne County and that's saying something. As often as I drive down it, I'm surprised I have any teeth left.

I know it's needed work and I'm not complaining about it. It's one of the joyful things about living in a state with defined seasons and an underfunded Department of Transportation.

It's a strange cycle, though, considering that most of the plentiful detours we have to navigate add miles to our odometers and, theoretically, make us purchase more gaswhich in turns generates more revenue through gas taxes that are supposed to fix our roads.

Maybe that's what Gov. Jennifer Granholm meant recently when she said the road improvement projects planned for this year will help stimulate the economy. In the meantime, though, I can think of a few sectors in the business world that will benefit from our deplorable infrastructure: tire shops and auto mechanics.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD FEBRUARY 11, 2008 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Pro Tem William Wadsworth.

Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Wadsworth.

Excused: William Crova, Randolph Gear.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor

Linda R. Choate, Clerk Pamela Morrison/Kersey, Treasurer

1. Motion by Bragg, supported by Barden approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Wadsworth.

Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-037

2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held February 4, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Wadsworth.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-038

4A. Motion by Burcroff, supported Bragg to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Lucas Monte.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Wadsworth.

Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Burcroff to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Jack Koza.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Wadsworth.

Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Barden, supported by Bragg to accept the Chairpersons Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-040

6A1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to approve second reading and final adoption of budget amendment 07/08-20, introduced at the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held February 4, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-041

11. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 08-03 in the amount of Three Hundred, Sixty Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred Sixty Six Dollars and Thirty Six Cents (\$369,866.36).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Wadsworth.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on February 11, 2008.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

March 6, 2008

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REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS

City of Romulus Bid #07/08-18 **Section 13 Water Main Improvements** OHM Job No. 0155-07-0051

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the City of Romulus ENGINEER, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI

48150. on or after 1:00 pm, March 4, 2008 (2) A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for this project at the City of Romulus on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 2:00 pm.

(3) Bid Bond for a sum no less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid will be required with each Bid

(4) Bids must be received by the City Clerk's Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, no later than 2:00 pm, on March 25, 2008, at which time said bids are to be publicly opened and read.

(5) The right is reserved to reject all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

(6) For additional information contact OHM engineer, Marcus McNamarra, 734.522.6711 or by emailing marcus.mcnamara@ohm-advisors.com

Linda R. Choate

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP HALL **46425 TYLER ROAD**

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing in conjunction with the Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 to consider establishing Industrial Development District Number 21 and to consider the request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate pursuant to Act 198, Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended for Ricardo, Inc., 9059 Samuel Barton Drive, Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Following is the described parcel:

Part of V125-83-047-99-0002-701 described as:

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Written comments may be forwarded to the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. The exact legal descriptions are available for public review at the township offices during regular business hours.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC Charter Township of Van Buren

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SPORTS

Romulus stops John Glenn, moves ahead in playoffs

Scott Spielman Editor

When a 19-2 John Glenn Rocket team faced off against the 18-3 Eagles from Romulus for the Class A District finals on Friday, it was destined to be a good game.

John Glenn had been an offensive powerhouse throughout the regular season and early round of the playoffs, but Nate Oats' Eagles weren't slouches, either—they had faced off against teams like Saginaw Valley, Arthur Hill and Country Day, some of the top teams in the state.

"We really felt like we were prepared," Oats said.

They showed it, too. They rode a strong first quarter to eventual victory and took the division crown with a 65-44 vic-

Oats said it was a question of keeping the Rockets con-

"We played really well on defense," he said. "On the offense, we played well enough to win."

We played really well on defense. On the offense, we played well enough to win.

Romulus Coach Nate Oats

Devin Pankey paced the Eagles to the victory. He scored 19 on the night, leading all scorers, and added eight rebounds. Eight of his points came in the first three minutes of the game, though, when Romulus jumped out to a 19-5

"He really set the tone," said Oats. "We won that game because we took an early 19-5 lead and he was huge in the early part of the game."

Romulus also forced eight turnovers during the first quar-

The Rockets started strong in the second quarter when they scored the first seven points.

"They went on a little run," said Oats. His Eagles regained control and took a 33-15 lead into halftime.

John Glenn tried to keep pace throughout the rest of the game, but never got closer than 11 points. Oats credited a large part of that to Laron Rodgers and Mario Crawford who took turns guarding Stefan Marken. Marken finished with 12 on the night.

"He was frustrated," said Oats. "He couldn't get anything

Will Clyburn finished with 13 points for the Eagles, including a couple of three-pointers that kept the game out of reach for John Glenn. Martell Anderson finished with 12

Dominique Buckley, who will play for Iowa State next year, finished with six points, but contributed eight assists, six rebounds and four steals.

"He really controlled the tempo of the game," said Oats.

Eagles oust Belleville in 3rd win

Jeff Novak Staff Writer

It's tough to beat any team three times in the same season, but Romulus proved last Wednesday that there aren't too many things they can't accomplish.

For the third time this season the Eagles beat rival Belleville. This time is when it counted most, because the 62-34 victory at Wayne Memorial in a Class A District 15 earned them a chance for a district championship on Friday night where they will faced off against a formidable John Glenn team.

Against Belleville, the Eagles looked unstoppable, guarding and stopping the Tigers almost at will.

"We tried to base it on defense the whole year and I think defensively we were good," said Romulus Coach Nate Oats. "I think when the leaders on your team really buy into getting stops and guarding it makes it tough for teams to score on you. When we guard and take care of the ball like we did (last week) we're tough to play against."

The biggest key was in the second half. Belleville was still clawing at the door at half time only down, 33-22.

Romulus slammed the door shut in the third quarter. They only allowed four points when Tiger Booker Stoudmire hit back-toback baskets with 3:10 to play. Romulus opened the quarter with a 12-0 run that took almost five minutes off the clock. Romulus fin-

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Belleville goaltender Mike Murphy made 36 saves in 37 chances against the Plymouth Whalers on Saturday night. Belleville won, 3-1. Photo by Walt Dmoch.

Bulls' net-minder sends Plymouth to loss

Scott Spielman Editor

The Plymouth Whalers ran into the juggernaut that is the Belleville Bulls Saturday night at Compuware Arena.

The Bulls—the top team in the Eastern Conference of the Ontario Hockey League and the second overall in the leaguetopped the Whalers, 3-1.

The Whalers, who are 4-5-1 in their last 10 games, kept pace with the Bulls for the first half of the game. Chris Terry gave them the lead when he scored a power play goal at the 14:22 mark of the first period. He nailed a one-timer from the top of the right circle that fooled Belleville goalie Mike Murphy. It was Terry's 41st goal of the sea- that beat Smith. son, which leads the Whalers.

help. Belleville's Nigel Williams took a shot from the left point that Plymouth net-minder Jeremy Smith grabbed with his glove. Smith tried to pass the puck to Christian Steingraber and the puck hit Steingraber's skate and bounced back into the net. Williams was credited with the goal. Three seconds later, the first period ended in a 1-1

Bryan Cameron scored the eventual game-winner for Belleville. He hit a one-timer from the left hash mark at the 17:46 mark of the second period

The Whalers had their Belleville tied it up just chances in the third. They outbefore the first buzzer, though, shot Belleville, 16-9, and had and they may have had a little four power play opportunities. Murphy stood on his head though, turning aside all opportunities. He made 36 of 37 saves on the night.

The Whalers pulled Smith with about a minute left in the game and Eric Tangradi capitalized for Belleville with an empty-netter that sealed the victory. Belleville outshot Plymouth 38-37.

The Whalers, who are now 33-24-2-3 on the year with 70 points, head to Guelph and Eerie this weekend. Their next home game is March 15 when they take on Sarnia at 7 p.m.

Rockets end Zebras' season

Jeff Novak Staff Writer

When the John Glenn Rockets lost to cross-town rival Wayne in the Western Lakes conference championship, Glenn senior Keshawn Martin decided it wouldn't happen again.

"I couldn't go out like that," he said.

So he did everything in his power last Wednesday when the two teams met in the Class A District 15 semifinal game at Wayne. He scored 24 points and led the Rockets to a 66-61 victory and the right to face Romulus in the championship bout at 7 p.m. on Friday at Wayne Memorial.

The Rockets came out quick and uncharacteristically switched to a zone defense. It paid off. After the change, the Rockets went on a 15-0 run that gave them a 19-4 lead late in the opening frame. Wayne Sophomore Daniel Hill ended the streak with a basket at the 1:27 mark. Even so, Glenn finished with a 22-8 lead at the end of the first.

"We just had to find something else to deal with their guards they're just really good," said Glenn Coach Dan Young. "We mixed it up and tried to get them out of their rhythm a little bit. We don't play a lot of zone, but you need to do it once and a while."

Last week Wayne senior guard Mike Lee burned Glenn for 32. He still managed good numbers this time, with 22.

After Glenn junior Dorian

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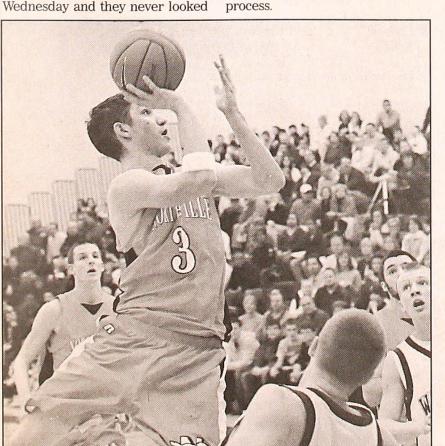
Mustangs offense struggles in district loss

Scott Spielman

Editor

The Novi Wildcats took an early lead against Northville last

By the time the district semifinal was over, the Wildcats had defeated the Mustangs, 53-36, and ended Northville's season in the process.



Northville senior Steve Anderson goes up for a shot against Novi on Wednesday.

"We didn't get to finish the season the way we wanted to finish it," said Northville Coach Darell Schumacher.

The Northville offense struggled from whistle to whistle. They sank only 14 of 42 shots—about 33 percent-and were seven of 22 from the line. They committed 16 turnovers, too.

"I think our defense was good enough, but our offense was terrible," Schumacher said. "We just could not score. It was not goodand that really set the tone."

Novi opened the scoring when Chris Bellamy hit a three-pointer from the left corner. The Wildcats never trailed in the game.

At the 6:13 mark, Dan Kirkpatrick—who was suffering from a bad cold that limited his offense—put Northville on the board with a jumper from the right block. Caleb Dean grabbed the rebound and made the put-back good and then Shawn Rydzewski nailed a three-pointer that gave Novi an 8-2 lead.

About three minutes later, Steve Anderson drove to the basket and was fouled. He made one of three free shots. Mike Rogers scored off a pass from Anderson and then Anderson hit another layup to cut the lead down to 10-7.



The Northville Mustangs had plenty of support in the bleachers last

With 30 seconds left in the first, Bellamy sank another three-pointer for Novi and then Dean grabbed an offensive rebound and capitalized to give Novi a 15-7 lead at the end of the first.

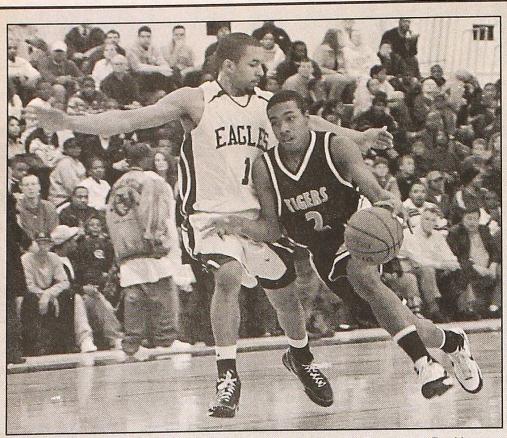
Kirkpatrick got into foul trouble in the second and had to sit out the remainder of the frame. Soon after that, Novi went on a 10-2 run-with three pointers from Bellamy and Rydzewski and baskets from Brad Kotylo and Dean—to give them a 26-14 lead at halftime. They outscored Northville, 11-7 in the

The Mustang offense stalled after intermission, too. Within the first five minutes, the Wildcats went on a 12-2 run that all but put the game away. Novi scored 14 to Northville's eight in the third, giving them a 40-22 lead going into the final stanza.

Northville came out strong in the fourth with baskets from Rogers and Kyle Asher in the first 40 seconds to narrow the gap to 40-26. It was as close as they would get. Novi went on a 7-0 run later in the fourth that sealed the victory.

Anderson led Northville with 10 points. Asher and Rogers were both solid from the bench, with eight and seven points, respectively. Kirkpatrick finished with four, as

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Belleville's Booker Stoudmire tries to get by Romulus senior Dominique Buckley on Wednesday.

Romulus bests Belleville

Staff Writer

It's tough to beat any team three times in the same season, but Romulus proved last Wednesday that there aren't too many things they can't accomplish.

For the third time this season the Eagles beat rival Belleville. This time is when it counted most, because the 62-34 victory at Wayne Memorial in a Class A District 15 earned them a chance for a district championship on Friday night where they will faced off against a formidable John Glenn team.

Against Belleville, the Eagles looked unstoppable, guarding and stopping the Tigers almost at will.

"We tried to base it on defense the whole year and I think defensively we were good," said Romulus Coach Nate Oats. "I think when the leaders on your team really buy into getting stops and guarding and it makes it tough for teams to score on you. When we guard and take care of the ball like we did (last week) we're tough to play against."

The biggest key was in the second half. Belleville was still clawing at the door at half time only down, 33-22.

Romulus slammed the door shut in the third quarter. They only allowed four points when Tiger Booker Stoudmire hit back-to-back baskets with 3:10 to play. Romulus opened the quarter with a 12-0

Jeff Novak run that took almost five minutes off the clock. Romulus finished the frame in the lead, 50-26.

Belleville's struggles continued in the fourth. They only scored five points until the last minute of play, when senior Kyle Gupton drained a triple.

The game—or the outcome—didn't follow the Tigers' pre-game plan.

"One of the keys we had to have was to come out and have a good start," said Belleville Coach Don Hickman. "We didn't do that. We weren't hitting shots and they were. Our whole thing is we lost focus for a little bit-we need to focus for 32 minutes and we lost focus early. We had too many lapses and a good team is going to make you pay and they made us pay."

Romulus was focused throughout and once again proved how deep, balanced and talented its bench is. Ten players were sent out to battle for the Eagles and nine of them scored.

Senior Dominique Buckley led the Eagles with 12. Senior Martell Anderson and junior Rashard Porter each added

The fast start was the key component for Romulus.

"We said in the locker room that we had to get it done early, so we did," Anderson said. "We played good on defense and got some stops. Stops are key to winning."

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN SEEKING HOUSING REHABILITATION BIDS

Seeking Housing Rehabilitation Bids. The Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, MI will receive bids for Housing Rehabilitation through the Community Development Block Grant Program on parcel number V125-83-038-99-0024-000 also known as 7808 Mida Drive, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. Bid forms and work specifications are available at the Township Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, from 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. Bids will be received until 2:00 pm, March 27, 2008 and should be submitted to the Clerks office. The bids will be publicly opened at 2:15 pm March 27, 2008. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids and is not required to accept the low bid, is an equal opportunity employer. If you have any questions please contact Development Services, Pat or Jennifer at (734) 699-8913.

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BOARD OF REVIEW -CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN FOR 2008 ASSESSMENTS

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, on the following dates:

> March 4, Tuesday 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon (Organizational Meeting)

March 10, Monday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

March 12, Wednesday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

> March 13, Thursday 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

To review property assessments for 2008. Taxpayers/property owners may file an appeal

of assessment(s) to the Board of Review in WRITING without personal appearance. Letters of appeal must be received on or before March 14, 2008.

Those taxpayers wishing to appeal in person must call the Township by March 13, 2008 at 734.699.8946 to set an APPOINTMENT to meet with the Board of Review on any of the above dates.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC Van Buren Charter Township

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Mustangs

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did Martins Trautmanis.

Schumacher said it might have been Rogers' best game of the year, since he was given the task of guarding Dean—who was about four inches taller. Rogers did a superlative job against what Schumacher called insurmountable odds. He was also pleased with the way the team didn't give up and the way Anderson stepped forward to lead the way.

"He battles every week," Schumacher

Prather made a put-back to start the sec-

ond quarter to give his Rockets a 17-point

lead, the Zebras put up the fight of their

lives. Wayne whittled away at Glenn's lead

and broke it down to six, 36-30, at quarter's

responsible. He hit four consecutive triples

and finished the quarter with 15. Lee added

six in the rally.

Senior Martez Abney was the man

"I knew they would come back," Young

said of Anderson. "He does all the things you

Northville finished the season at 11-10 overall and 7-3 in their division.

Northville will lose quite a crowd this year with their senior-laden roster. Eight Mustang cagers will graduate, and only three juniors will return next year, Schumacher said. Scott Wagoner will be back, as will Nick Diegel and Erik Maise.

"We may not have the size we've had for the last couple years, or the flashiness, but we've got an excellent junior varsity team that will join our juniors next year," Schumacher said. "I think we'll be competitive."

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> The comeback didn't seem throw the Rockets off their game, though.

Martin scored the first two baskets of the third to put Glenn back up by 10—and that's

Austin Anderson each added 11 to Martin's 24. Lee and Abney each scored 22 for Wayne.

said. "They're good. They had not lost since we beat them on Dec. 17. I knew they would make a run and we would have to whether it and we did."

"I wasn't worried," Martin said. "We just had to slow down a little bit-we were shooting too quick."

pretty much how it would stay the rest of the Glenn seniors Earl Hardison and junior

REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS City of Romulus Bid #07/08-18

Section 13 Water Main Improvements OHM Job No. 0155-07-0051

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the City of Romulus ENGINEER, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150. on or after 1:00 pm, March 4, 2008

(2) A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for this project at the City of Romulus on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 2:00 pm.

(3) Bid Bond for a sum no less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid will be required with each Bid

(4) Bids must be received by the City Clerk's Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, no later than 2:00 pm, on March 25, 2008, at which time said bids are to be publicly opened and read.

(5) The right is reserved to reject all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

(6) For additional information contact OHM engineer, Marcus McNamarra, 734.522.6711 or by emailing marcus.mcnamara@ohm-advisors.com

Linda R. Choate City Clerk

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ROMULUS HOUSING COMMISSION NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus Housing Commission will receive sealed bids at their office, until 4:00 p.m. local time, on the 13th. ay of March, 2008, at which time they will publicly open and read aloud. The scope of work includes, but is not limited to: Removal, replacement and painting of entry doors and screen doors, door frames, door trim, and the painting of same dwelling unit interiors. Bid documents are desired for total construction of the work. Specifications and drawings can be obtained at the offices of James Childs Architects, 929 Lincolnway East, South Bend, Indiana starting at 12:00 p.m. on February 11, 2008. Telephone number (574) 288-2052.

The architect will be available to accompany bidders starting at 2:00 p.m. local time, on February 28, at the office of Romulus Housing Commission, 34200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan. Interested parties should call the business office of James Childs Architects at (574) 288-2052 to confirm attendance.

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CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE 2008 BOARD OF REVIEW

To the taxpayers of the City of Romulus: The Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, (Lower Level) Community Room, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on the following dates and times by APPOINTMENT QNLY for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll.

Meeting dates are as follows:

March 10 & 12, 2008: March 11& 13, 2008:

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers are as follows:

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Developmental	50%	1.0000
Personal	50%	1.0000

ALL appeals may be made by (1) submitting a written appeal with documentation substantiating the over-assessment claim attached OR (2) making an appointment to appear before the Board.

The Board of Review MUST receive all written appeals and supporting documentation no later than March 13, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

Property owners may appoint and authorize a representative to appear on their behalf. All Representatives or Agents MUST submit (current) proof of authorization with original, notarized signatures to act on behalf of the property owner as a prerequisite to appeal to the Board of Review.

To schedule an appointment, please call the City of Romulus, Department of Assessment at (734) 942-7520 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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SPORTS

Offensive woes spell the end for Romulus

Jeff Novak Staff Writer

The Romulus Lady Eagles got into first-half trouble that they couldn't get out of Thursday night. A struggling offense ultimately spelled the end of the season for Romulus, who had their eyes on advancing further in the playoffs.

Southgate Anderson ended their season, though, when they grounded the Lady Eagles, 53-37.

"I think our team went into the game a little too tight," said Romulus Coach Yvette Harris. "It was an opportunity for us to go somewhere we had never gone before."

Nervousness, bad luck-whatever it was-the Lady Eagles only managed to put seven points on the board in the first half.

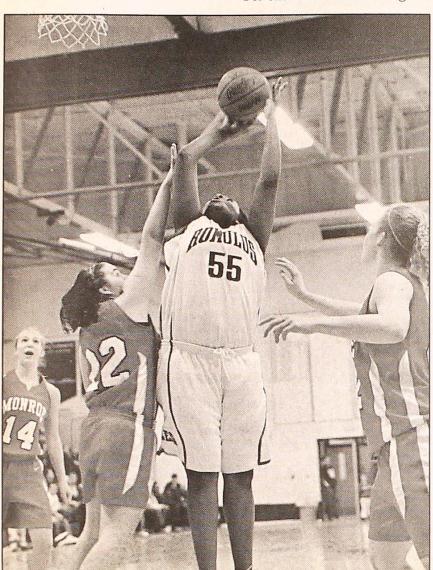
"It's tough to come back from that," Harris said.

The Lady Eagles kept pace and then some-with Southgate in the second half, where they outscored their opponents 30-29, but it was too little too late.

"If we had played like that from the beginning, we would've been all right," Harris said. Ashley Moore led the Lady Eagles with 17 in the losing effort.

Romulus 48, Monroe 46

For once the outcome of a game



Junior Eagle Ashley Moore goes up for a put-back in the first half of the regional game against Monroe. She stuffed in the winning basket with five seconds left. She finished with 13 points in the 48-46 victory.

was out of the Romulus Lady Eagles' hands.

With five seconds left and Romulus leading by two, 48-46, Monroe's best player Ariel Hatcher raced up the court and tossed up a 20-footer—a potential game-winner for the Lady Trojans and seasonender for the Eagles.

The shot was in the air as the buzzer went off and the Lady Eagles' dreams of a regional championship rattled around the rim as Hatcher's on-target shot popped in and—with a collective sigh of relief from the Romulus bench—right back out again.

The end was exciting, but the true heroics was demonstrated when Romulus junior center Ashley Moore remained calm when an offensive rebound landed in her grasp with six seconds left in the game. She easily tucked in the put-back to give her Eagles the 48-46 advantage. That stood as the winning shot.

"The only thing going through my mind was that I have to make this shot because we need this," she said after the game. Moore finished with 13 on the night.

The game was nip and tuck the entire way. Romulus was up 11-8 at the end of one but behind, 20-16, after two.

After they only scored five points in the second frame, Romulus' offense got back on track. That was in good part due to the play of senior Christine Wells.

She scored 11 of her game-leading 18 in the third and brought the Lady Eagles to within one point at the close of the quarter, 32-31.

"I felt I just had to step up my game if I wanted my team to go to states," she said. "We just have to work hard—everybody is going to have to want it."

Wells led Romulus in the last three games.

In the final stanza, Romulus separated from Monroe, making 5-of-6 free throws for a 46-41 advantage with less than two minutes to go. Monroe—undefeated in the Mega Red and having beat Romulus

Romulus senior Christine Wells goes up for an under-the-basket layup in the third quarter of last Tuesday's regional semifinal game against

Monroe at host Wyandotte Roosevelt. Wells scored 11 points in the

twice in the regular season by 20 and four points—didn't give in.

quarter and finished with a game high 18 points.

Emily Howe knocked down a triple with 1:22 left and Hatchet knotted the game at 46 with a breakaway jumper with 50 seconds on the clock. That set the stage for Moore's heroics and Hatcher's almost-upset.

"The biggest thing is we didn't want to foul," said Harris of Hatcher's drive in the final five seconds. "We knew the ball was going to get put in her hands. We tried to keep her in front and we knew that she would have to throw up something. And boy, oh, boy did she ever get something. She didn't just get just a hope and a prayer—she almost got her prayer."

Wells said it best of her team. "We just wanted to win," she

said. "We were tired of losing to Monroe."

Hatcher scored 15 for Monroe and Howe added 10.

Season wrap-up

Despite the disappointment last Thursday, Harris said the season was a successful one for Romulus. They improved on their previous record, with a final tally of 18-6. Plus, they beat Monroe for the first time to go deeper into the playoffs.

"That was huge for them," she said of her team, adding: "They have a lot of things to be proud of. It was a great season."

The Lady Eagles will lose three senior starters to graduation: Jasmine Brown, Christina Barnett and Christine Wells. Even so, Harris said she'd have a solid core returning, including Moore. "I think we have some juniors

that will step up," she said. "I think it's a good group returning."

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1. Obituaries

BLACKMON, Marshall Allen, 76, of Battle Creek, MI, died Monday, February 25, 2008 at the Battle Creek VA Medical Center. He was born July 15, 1931 in Bastro, LA. If you are a relative of Mr.Blackmon please contact the Bachman Hebble Funeral Service at: (269)965-5145.



GILLESPIE, George Wallace, age 62, died February 17, 2008. George leaves to cherish his precious memory; one daughter, Krystal Gillespie Fickling of Inkster, MI; three sons, George Wallace Gillespie Jr. of Inkster, MI., George Wallace Gillespie and Tyrone Mason Gillespie of Crescent City, FL.; seven grandchildren and one great grandchild; two sisters, Margie (Alfred) Johnson of Rockford, IL. And Mary Jennings of Saltillo, MS; three brothers, Wardell (Beatrice) of Rockford, IL., Willie James (Clara) of Romulus, MI. and Cloyd (Indiana) of Aberdeen, MS.; two sisters-in-law, Sharon Gillespie of Ann

Arbor, MI. and Ann Gillespie

of Crescent City, FL. He

also leaves a host of nieces,

nephews, other relatives and

caring friends; and a very

special friend, Bobbie Austin of Tupelo, MS. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, John, Gil, Hosea and Raymond. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home. Inkster, MI. with Pastor Frederick Gillespie officiating. Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.

RIDNER, Dallis. February 27, 2008 age 68 of Wayne. Beloved wife of the late Bobby Reynolds and James Ridner. Dear mother of Tammy Chanady, Brenda Reynolds, Lisa (Greg) Chastang and the late Jesse Ridner. Grandmother of 8, Great grandmother of 3. Also survived by 4 sisters and 9 brothers. Preceded in death by her parents and one brother. Services were held at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with Pastor Joe Jones officiating. Burial was at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia.

WATERMAN, Clifford W., age 85 of Westland, died March 1, 2008. Loving husband of the late Arlene. Brother of Robert Waterman and Margaret Cunningham. Preceded in death by 5 of

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his brothers. Uncle of several nieces and nephews. Services were held at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia on Tuesday, March 4th with Pastor Kurt Lambert

officiating. Memorials to St Mathews Lutheran Church appreciated. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home.



WEAVER, Tiffany Star, age

32, died February 18, 2008. Tiffany leaves to cherish her loving memory her mother, Alice Blair; stepfather, Steve Blair; 2 adoring sisters, Bridget (Rick) Burke and Tami (Kenny) Poole; 11 nieces and nephews: DeAndrew, Brian Jr., Ricky Jr., Brandon, Angelo, Tyler, Brenae, Travis, Rio, Jaden and Jihad; uncle, Ronnie (Carla) Tithof; aunts, Pamela (Jerry) Whitemore and Kimberly Weaver along with a host of cousins and an extended family of the

Burkes. Tiffany was also preceded in death by her grandparents, Ronald and Lou Tithof. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Arthur Willis officiating. Interment was at Parkview Cemetery, Livonia, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn

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deadline for registration is April 4, 2008. All registration and application material must be received by April 4, 2008. Contact information: ECPPS, Attn: Teacher Job Fair 2008, 1200 S. Halstead Blvd., Elizabeth City, NC 27906-2247. (252)335-2981

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THE SCENE

The Other Boleyn Girl

Film is fascinating look at history

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In film adaptation of Philippa Gregory's novel, *The Other Boleyn Girl*, the storyline could have been ripped straight from the plot of a soap opera. Bolstered by her greedy, power-hungry family, a scheming social climber embraces the challenge of luring a wealthy, influential man away from his wife.

The setting is not Orange County, Palm Beach, or any of the other usual locations, however. It is England in the 1500s—and the drama is based on actual history.

The film entices viewers into the world of the Boleyn family as they, like their peers throughout England, jockey for the attention and favors of King Henry VIII (Eric Bana). Their younger daughter, Mary (Scarlett Johansson), is married and planning on a quiet life in the country with her children, when the king decides to visit to their family estate. The men of the family carefully orchestrate a plan for the eldest Boleyn girl, Anne (Natalie Portman), to captivate and seduce the king.

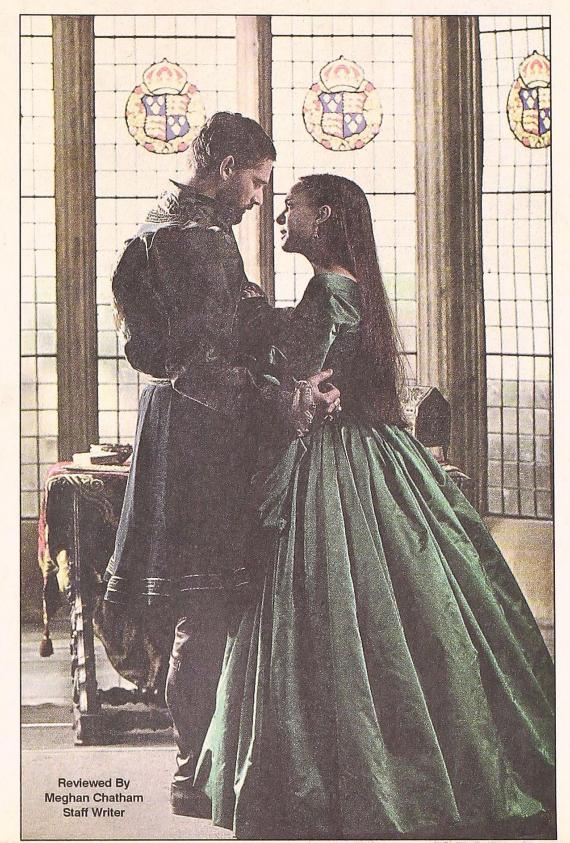
Plans go awry, however, as the quiet, docile Mary—not the sharp witted and sharp tongued Anne—captures Henry's interest. What the king wants, the king gets and he wants Mary as his mistress. Though Mary does not initially welcome the task of pleasing the king and diverting his attention from his wife, Catherine of Aragon, she cooperates after pressure from her family and the king himself.

Anne isn't amused. After a series of incidents drive a wedge between the sisters, Anne will do whatever it takes to charm the king so fully that she—and only she—will be his world.

As the story progresses, the plots and intrigues knit together and unravel in a journey that is well paced and interesting. Although anyone with even a passing knowledge of English history is aware of the bloody ending to Anne's royal aspirations, the suggested back story of the power-plays behind the throne add a new dimension to the dry paragraph on the wives' of Henry the VIII—otherwise known as "divorced, beheaded, died, divorced, beheaded, survived"—that I learned in grade school.

Although some scholars have criticized the film for offering a romanticized and revisionist view of history, the movie does present audiences with an interesting drama and, realistically, probably does offer many people with a better understanding of Tudor England than they had previously, regardless of the 'creative license' taken with the actual history.

Audiences willing to accept that the film bears the feel of a soap opera more so than a classic historical drama may find the time spent in the theater an entertaining way to spend a few hours. The film is rated PG-13. The violence takes place off-screen, but there are mature themes throughout and several scenes that are strongly sexually suggestive.



Semi-Pro

Movie fails to score audience laughs

After successful sports parodies playing a figure skater and a race car driver, in *Blades of Glory* and *Talladega Nights*, Will Ferrell went back to the well one time too many with *Semi-Pro*.

The movie, set in the backdrop of 1970s basketball, is about a one-hit wonder musician named Jackie Moon (Ferrell) who used his money as a musician to become the owner, player and coach of the Flint (Michigan) Tropics, a bottom of the rung team in the American Basketball Association

During a meeting with league executives, Moon finds out that the National Basketball Association (NBA) has offered to buy out four teams in the ABA and turn them into NBA franchises. As the ABA officials are deciding which teams should go to the NBA, Moon is able to convince them to select the top four teams in the 1976 season. After some back-and-forth dialogue, the league agrees with Moon's suggestion.

Moon won that battle but the problem is the Tropics have the worst record and attendance in the league.

To give his team a chance at finishing in the top four, he acquires a former NBA player named Monix, (Woody Harrelson) for a washing machine to partner with Clarence Coffee Black (Andre Benjamin of the hip-hop group Outkast), one of the few players on the team who has actual talent.

From there Moon goes on an unprecedented public relations campaign to get the residents of Flint to come to the arena. There are a few laughs watching some of his stunts, especially the wrestling match with a grizzly bear.

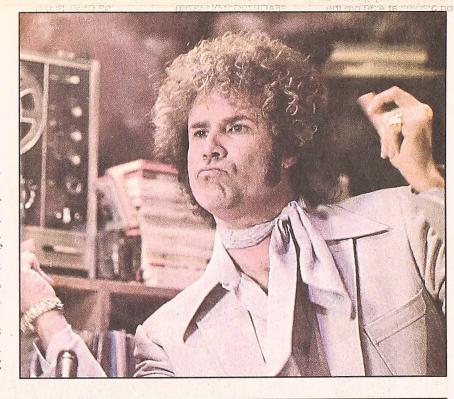
For some strange reason the plot goes away from Moon and focus on a love triangle between Monix and Lynn (Maura Tierney) his former girlfriend who is dating a guy who is a huge fan of the club. The whole exchange between the trio was awkward and was a distraction to the audience focusing

on the team struggle to make the playoffs.

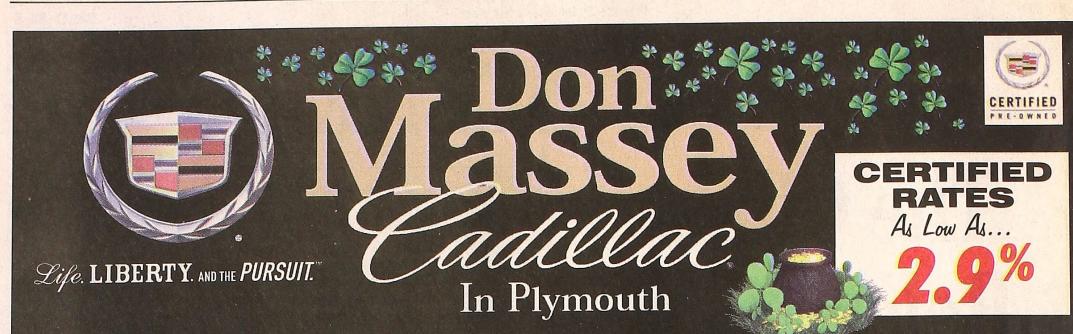
One of the best things about this film was the cameo appearances of Tim Meadows, of Saturday Night Live and Motown legend Patti LaBelle who played Coffee's mother. Another great aspect is the way the film involved the viewers in its promotion. If you call 1-800-TROPICS you'll will hear an actual message.

While the Tropics were a fictitious team, the ABA was a real league. Four teams from the ABA, the Denver Nuggets, Indiana Pacers, New York Nets (who later moved to New Jersey) and San Antonio Spurs joined the NBA in 1976. Several basketball hall of fame players began their careers in the league including Dr. J, Julius Erving, Moses Malone and George "the Iceman" Gervin.

Overall, the film has its moments but sadly, this Ferrell film is better seen on DVD during a boring night at home.







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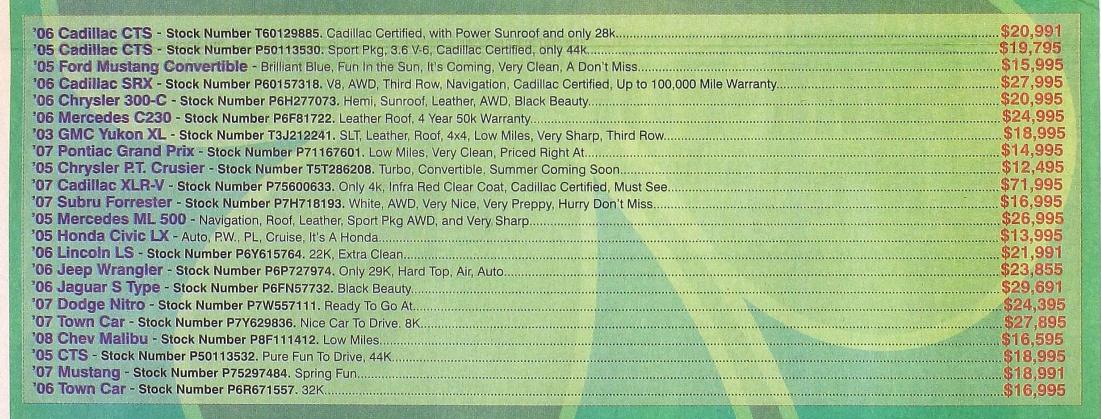
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